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Bank loans to M/s. R.K.B. Herbals (P) Ltd.

140. MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS SHRI MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the value of loans sanctioned through Vijay Bank to M/s. R.K.B. Herbals (P) Ltd. Delhi during the last five years and what is the amount of each loan sanctioned separately;

(b) whether this company is regularly paying the instalment of each loan on due date;

(c) if so, what are the detail thereof; and

(d) if not, what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) In accordance with the practices and usages customary among banks and in conformity with provisions of statutes governing public sector banks, information relating to individual constituents of the banks cannot be divulged.

Allotment of office space to Unions in GIC

141. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether GIC is discriminating in allotting office space to Union/Associations/registered bodies of employees;

(b) whether there is any aggrieved organisation of SC/ST employees working in GIC spread all over India; and

(c) if so, under which rule they have been denied the provision of office space?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (c) Prior to nationalisation the Unions/Associations who had been given office space by the erstwhile General Insurance Companies, continue to enjoy these facilities, even after the nationalisation of General Insurance Industry. After nationalisation, the SC/ST employees formed their own Welfare Association which was given office space in the four metro centres in 1986 for carrying out their welfare activities. Subsequently, the SC/ST Association had split up into different groups and each group was demanding separate office space. The GIC informed them that the new groups could not claim separate office space and they might reach an amicable arrangement to share premises.

Transfer of Officers of Syndicate Bank of Delhi Zone

142. SHRI VISHWAS RAO RAMRAO PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Syndicate Bank, Delhi Zone has issued letters to its offcers having U.P. domicile proposing to transfer them to U.P.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether similar letters were issued to its officers belonging to other states proposing to transfer them to their domiciliary states during the last three years;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for issuing such letters to the officers of U.P. domicile ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (e) During the year 1991, Delhi Zonal Office of the Bank had issued a letter proposing transfer to U.P. of Officers having U.P. domicile on completion of one term in Delhi City as per transfer policy norms.

Similar letters were issued in that year by the bank to its officers belonging to other States proposing to transfer them to domiciliary States. However, since U.P. had acute shortage of Officers, compulsory postings had been proposed to that States from other States, including Delhi. While making such postings, those with U.P. domicile on completing a term in Delhi are preferred.

Objectives of Gold Bond Scheme

143. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the main objectives of the Gold Bond Scheme 1993;

(b) what is the target fixed by Government to mop up gold under the scheme;

(c) what has been the response so far ;

(d) whether Government contemplate any change in the Scheme; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) The main objectives of the Gold Bonds Scheme, 1993 is to mobilise the idle gold resources in the country to supplement official reserves.

(b) No target as such has been fixed. However, the Budget for 1993-94 assumes a receipt of Rs. 300 crores under the scheme.

(c) Gold subscribed under the scheme up to 16th April, 1993 was 3961 kgs.

(d) and (e) No change in the scheme is contemplated at present.

Moratorium on loan payment for West Bengal Industry

144. SMT. SARLA MAHESHWARI :
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI M. A. BABY :
MOHAMMED AMIN :
SHRI ASHIS SEN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal industries will get moratorium on loan repayments as a special case as per Finance Minister's recent statement;

(b) if so, whether necessary instructions to that effect have since been issued;

(c) whether the State Government of West Bengal has agreed to start as guarantee for state industries if these get moratorium on loan repayments; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) : Do not arise.